(*d*) whether the proof-readers are included in the inferior service ; and

(*e*) whether the proof-readers have memorialised Government setting forth their grievances ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (a) There are 3 grades *viz.*, Rs. 10, Rs. 11-1/3-15 and Rs. 15-1/2-20.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes ; in 1098 and in 1101 M. E.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : With reference to the answer to part (*e*), may I know what action has been taken on their memorial ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : The memorials were lodged.

Overtime work of Proof-readers in the Government Press.

61. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the overtime allowance now paid to the proof-readers ;

(*b*) the overtime allowance paid to the other employees in the Government Press ;

(*c*) whether the overtime allowance to the proof-readers was ever given at the rate of a day's wages for every 7 hours ;

(*d*) the maximum number of hours at which the proof-readers and other employees of the same grade have been made to work a day during this year ; and

(*e*) the total overtime hours worked by the proof-readers of the Government Press from 1-1-1110 to 1-11-1110 M. E. ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) and (*b*). In lieu of overtime allowance, fixed local allowances, varying according to the grade and pay of the employees, are paid to the proof-readers and such other employees as are eligible for allowance to compensate for the extra work done during overtime hours.

(*c*) Yes ; till 1-7-1108 ; up to a limit of 50 per cent. of the pay.

(*d*) 20½ hours.

(*e*) The total number of overtime hours which a single proof-reader worked for is 374.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : May I know why overtime allowance was changed to local allowance ?

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Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Government thought that it was a better arrangement. Economy is also one of the considerations.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know whether, by giving local allowance, the proof-readers will get less than what they used to get?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I think so. However I claim notice.

Staff of the Government Press.

62. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese**: Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of compositors, proof-readers and examiners in the Government Press now (26-6-1935)?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:

Permanent piecework compositors	96
Temporary do.	33
Examiners, including the Head Examiner	11
Proof-readers	11

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know whether Government consider that the staff is enough to cope with the work?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether Government make a distinction between the compositors in the Government Press appointed before 1090 and after 1090? It is seen from the Press Committee Report that such a distinction is drawn.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the Press Committee has recommended any privileges to the compositors employed before 1090?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I think they have. I have not got the report of the Press Committee with me now.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether Government have given those privileges to the compositors?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I claim notice.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether these compositors have got casual leave to their credit?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether they are entitled to privilege leave?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No.

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